bility to carry on the business of the House and I have also been a Member of this House for a sufficiently long time. This is my third term. I have never given an occasion to the Chair to feel hurt. So, in all sincerity, I am very sorry that I gave you an occasion to feel hurt. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Advani will make a statement on that.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, on the 15th of July, 1998...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA (Karnataka): Sir, before the hon. Minister makes a statement, I would like to submit that certain references were made during ...(*interruption*)...

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh): Why are you referring again to all those things? ...(*interruption*)...

SHRI S.M. KRISHANA: Sir, he used a phrase, "*attitude." That has to be expunged...(*interuptions*)...

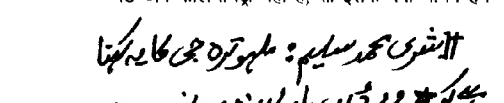
श्री संजय निरूपम: यह वर्ड एक्सपंज नहीं होना चाहिए। ...(**व्यवधान**)

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA (Delhi): There is nothing unparliamentary. ...(*interuptions*)...

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Mr. Chairman, Sir. ...(*interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: क्या है। ...(*interruptions*)... Let me tell you and explain this thing. Earlier also * word was not used in this House for anybody. It is a bad word. When Some people from this side were saying * to other side, I expunged it; when Members from the other side say * to this side, I will expunge it.

श्री मोहम्मद सलीम: मल्होत्रा जी का यह कहना कि * वर्ड अन-पार्लियामेंट्री नहीं है, तो इसके क्या मायने हैं।



STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Staging of a Marathi Play in Mumbai

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Mr Chairman, Sir, on the 15th of July, 1998, even while I was present in the House, serious concern was expressed by some hon. Members in Rajya Sabha on the alleged glorification of Nathuram Godse in a Marathi Play—"Mee Nathuram Godse Boltoya". The House was assured that the Government would look into it.

The matter was taken up with the Government of Maharashtra. According to information received from the State Government, the play in question was cleared for performance by the Maharashtra Stage Performance Scrutiny Board, an autonomous body of the State Government. The play was certified as 'U' cateogry for viewership. The play was staged on the 10th of July, 1998 in Shivaji Mandir Theatre, Mumbai.

Keeping in view the reported intent of the play, the Central Government has advised the State Government to prohibit its performance. We also take this opportunity to emphasise that this Government strongly disapproves of anything that denigrates the haloed memory of Mahatma Gandhi, and belittles the unique role he played in leading the nation to freedom from colonial rule.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is all, No clarifications are required. Now, the Private Member's Business (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION RE. NEED TO REVIEW THE ELECTROL SYSTEM (Contd.)

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am very grateful to Shri Ramdas Agarwal for raising the important issue of electoral reforms through his Resolution.

(**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair)

Madam, during the discussion most of our hon. Members participated in the